

PENZANCE (HAYLE DIVISION) PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
ANNUAL REPORT OF PORT MEDICAL OFFICER AND PORT HEALTH INSPECTOR

1961

To the Chairman and Members of the Port Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,



Herewith my report for the year 1961. There is nothing of major importance to draw to your attention and the activities were normal and the character of the trading relatively constant.

One ship had a certificate of deratting which was four days out of date. As she was on her way to dry dock, no action was taken.

The Canonstown/St. Erth sewerage scheme with its effluent discharge into the St. Erth River was well under way and anticipated to be in working operation early in the new year. This being a modern plant, no troubles are anticipated.

Primrose Dairy Ltd. with the extension of works will pass its sewage through this system as soon as it is available.

As the result of investigations of the flooding difficulties at Tremeadow Terrace, it was found that sewage from dwellinghouses, always thought to be discharging through the Foundry Sewer outfall at East Quay, was in fact in some cases discharging into Foundry Dock. The Council's Surveyor will be passing on the results of his investigation to the Consulting Engineers dealing with Hayle Sewerage.

No cases of notifiable disease were reported in shipping entering the Port.

16 bodies were placed in the mortuary during the year and facilities for the sporadic use of this building were extended to the Old People's Home at Hayle at the request of the County Welfare Authority.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P.E. Morris,

Port Medical Officer.

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SECTION I - STAFF

Table "A"

<u>Name of Officer</u>	<u>Nature of Appointment</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Qualification</u>	<u>Any other appointment held</u>
P. E. Morris	Port Health Medical Officer	1st April 1952	M.B. Ch.B	Police Surgeon Certifying Factory Doctor.
J.W. Hitchens	Port Health Inspector	1st October 1952	P.H.I. Cert. M & F.I. Cert. R.S.I.& S.I.E.J.B.	Chief Public Health Inspector West Penwith R.D.C.

Address and Telephone Number of Port Medical Officer of Health: "Bonaer" Hayle 2315

SECTION II - Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year
Table "B"

<u>Ships from</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>No. Inspected</u>		<u>No. of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.</u>
			<u>By M.C.H.</u>	<u>By P.H.I.</u>	
Foreign Ports	9	4,206	14	Nil	Nil
Coastwise	190	95,383	34	Nil	Nil
Total	199	99,589	48	Nil	Nil

SECTION III - Character of Shipping and Trade during year

Passenger Traffic	(Number of passengers INWARDS - Small number to and from (" " " OUTWARDS - "Scillonian" unable to dock at Penzance two or three times.
Cargo Traffic	(Principal Imports ... Coal, Cement, Potatoes, Sulphur, Oil, Patent Fuel. (Principal Exports ... Scrap Metals.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive	... Blyth, Gool, Port of London, Fawley, Barry, Belfast, Milford Haven, Bayonne.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil

SECTION V - Water Supply

- (1) Source of supply for (a) the district ... Mains supply from Mellanear filtered and chlorinated.
- (b) shipping ... Supply pipes taken through the docks with water points at intervals at dock side.
- (2) Reports of tests for contamination ... Samples satisfactory.
- (3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes One person charged by Dock ... Undertakers to maintain water points and equipment in satisfactory condition.
- (4) Number and sanitary conditions of water boats and powers of control by the Authority. ... Nil
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SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952

- (1) List of infected areas (Reg.6) - Weekly records of Quarantinable Diseases are now received and amendment of the list as applied to the Home Trade Ports made monthly. This information is supplied to Pilots and Customs Officers where circumstances warrant.
- (2) Radio Messages. - This is not a radio transmitting or receiving Port but arrangements are made with the dock owners to forward any radio messages they may receive in connection with infectious diseases.
- (3) Notifications otherwise than by radio - Arrangements made with Pilots and Customs Officers for notification and despatch of "Declarations of Health".
- (4) Mooring Stations - Stations have with approval of Harbour Master and Customs Officers been sited in the bay.
- (5) Arrangements for:-
- (a) Hospital Accommodation for infectious diseases - County Isolation Hospital, Truro, through No.1. Health Area Office, Penzance.
 - (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts - Through normal channels of Public Health Department of Rural District Council and No.1. Health Area Office.
 - (c) Cleansing and Disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles. - Disinfection of ships carried out under direction of Port Health Inspector. No facilities for personal cleansing. Clothing etc. steam disinfected at West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, by arrangement.
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SECTION VII - Smallpox

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which cases are sent from the district. - Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard.
- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance etc. - Contact Dr. Pierson, M.O.H. Plymouth, or Plymouth Ambulance Bureau, Tel. No. Plymouth 4101.
- (3) Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) - Dr.W.A.Lister, 7, The Crescent, Plymouth, Tel.No. Plymouth 5701.
Dr. Johnstone, Swilley Isolation Hosp. Plymouth, Tel.No.64311 & 61437 (Private Tel.No. Plymouth 3358)
- (4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis - Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Collingdale Avenue, London, N.W.9.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

Location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen.

West Cornwall Hospita, Penzance,
V.D. Clinic every Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Psychiatric clinic every Thursday
each month 3 p.m. by appointment.

Customs Offices advise contact
direct with M.O.R's surgery or
Health Dept., West Penwith R.D.C.
Penzance.

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other
Table "D" Infectious Diseases on Ships

<u>Category</u>	<u>No. of cases during the year</u>			<u>No. of ships concerned</u>
	<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Passengers.</u>	<u>Crew</u>	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of
Malaria in Ships

No ships from areas of epidemic malaria visited the Port and I have no observations to make on its occurrence in those ships from foreign Ports visiting Hayle.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships
infected with or suspected for plague

No measures necessary.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships
from Foreign Ports

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| (1) Procedure for inspection | - Routine examination. Validity of deratting or deratting exemption certificates. |
| (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents etc. | - Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. No rodents sent for examination during the year. |
| (3) Arrangements for deratting ships, methods used etc. | - Hayle is not an approved Port for this purpose. If necessary ships directed to Falmouth or other approved Port. |
| (4) Progress in the ratproofing of ships. | - Nil. |
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Table "E"

Rodents destroyed during the year in
ships from Foreign Ports. ~ Nil

Table "F"

Deratting Certificates & Deratting Exemption
Certificates issued during the year for
ships from Foreign Ports. Nil

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for Nuisances

Table "G"

Inspections and Notices

<u>Nature and Number of</u> <u>Inspections</u>	<u>Notices served</u>		<u>Results of</u>
	<u>Statutory Notices</u>	<u>Other Notices</u>	<u>Serving Notice</u>
As in Table "B"	Nil	Nil	--
Total 52	Nil	Nil	--

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish)
Regulations 1934 - 1948

Not applicable.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens

Not applicable

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the burial on shore of - Port M.O.H. in conjunction with
persons who have died on board ship from District M.O.H. institute procedure
infectious disease. prescribed by Section 162 P.H.A. 1936

